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VEGETABLES ANNUAL SUMMARY

ARIZONA

Arizona harvested 71,000 acres of lettuce in 2019, down 6 percent from the 75,200 acres harvested in 2018, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Of that, 37,300 acres was head lettuce, 9,800 acres were leaf lettuce, and 23,900 acres were Romaine lettuce. The state produced 22.64 million hundredweight (cwt) of lettuce in 2019, with a value of utilized lettuce production of \$1.67 billion in 2019, up from \$890.46 million in 2018.

COLORADO

Colorado harvested 2,700 acres of onions in 2019, up 4 percent from 2,600 acres harvested in 2018, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 1.15 million hundredweight (cwt) of onions in 2019, a decrease of 2 percent from the 1.17 million cwt produced in 2018. The value of utilized onion production decreased to \$18.53 million in 2019, from \$27.26 million in 2018.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico harvested 8,700 acres of chile peppers in 2019, up 10 percent from 7,900 acres harvested in 2018, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 1.26 million hundredweight (cwt) of chile peppers in 2019, a decrease of 11 percent from the 1.42 million cwt produced in 2018. The value of utilized chile pepper production decreased to \$50.01 million in 2019, from \$53.77 million in 2018.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: Arizona, Colorado & New Mexico, 2018 - 2019

	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Arizona				
Broccoli	10,900	11,900	1,308.0	1,487.5
Cabbage	3,300	(D)	1,650.0	(D)
Cantaloupes	16,300	14,000	3,749.0	3,150.0
Cauliflower	6,100	6,700	1,159.0	1,139.0
Lettuce, Head	38,600	37,300	11,966.0	12,495.5
Lettuce, Leaf	9,700	9,800	2,328.0	2,254.0
Lettuce, Romaine	26,900	23,900	8,877.0	7,887.0
Spinach	11,100	(D)	1,887.0	(D)
Watermelons	(D)	5,000	(D)	2,525.0
Colorado				
Onions	2,600	2,700	1,170.0	1,109.6
New Mexico				
Onions	7,100	6,600	4,189.0	3,993.0
Peppers, Chile	7,900	8,700	1,422.0	1,261.5

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

UNITED STATES

In 2019, the Nation's production for the 26 estimated vegetable and melon crops totaled 739 million cwt, 3 percent below 2018 for comparable crops and States. The utilized production totaled 735 million cwt, 3 percent below 2018 for comparable crops and States. Area harvested in 2019 was 2.38 million acres, a 1 percent reduction from 2018 for comparable crops and States. The top three vegetables, in terms of area harvested, were sweet corn, tomatoes, and snap beans. In terms of total production, the three largest crops were tomatoes, onions, and sweet corn, which combined accounted for 50 percent of the all vegetables total.

The value of utilized production for 2019 vegetable crops was \$14.2 billion, up 12 percent from the previous year for comparable crops and States. Head lettuce, tomatoes, and onions claimed the highest values, accounting for 32 percent of the utilized value of production when combined. For the 26 selected vegetables and melons estimated in 2019, California remained the leading State in terms of area harvested, utilized production, and value of production.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: United States, 2018 - 2019

United States	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Broccoli	113,900	111,600	17,273.0	17,439.5
Cabbage	54,200	59,100	19,218.3	21,618.6
Cantaloupes	60,700	53,100	14,602.8	12,705.8
Cauliflower	44,900	45,500	9,492.7	10,054.1
Lettuce, Head	120,300	114,500	40,561.0	41,445.5
Lettuce, Leaf	65,700	57,300	10,728.0	12,466.5
Lettuce, Romaine	99,600	87,900	29,029.4	27,211.8
Onions	129,600	129,400	70,923.3	68,645.5
Peppers, Chile	14,200	10,200	2,665.0	1,643.6
Spinach	61,450	65,800	8,102.5	9,606.0
Watermelons	112,000	101,800	38,148.8	36,722.6

For a full copy of the *Vegetables Annual Summary* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions please contact:

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